World Bank loan for power sector reforms to Rajasthan

2266. SHRI AIMADUDDIN AHMED KHAN (DURRU): Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether the World Bank has advanced loans for the reforms in the power sector of Rajasthan;

(b) if so, the details in this regard;

(c) whether a team of World Bank visited Jodhpur to review the development works done by the Electricity Companies there; and

(d) if so, what are the findings of the World Bank team on the power reforms of Rajasthan?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF POWER (SHRIMATI JAYAWANTI MEHTA): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The World Bank has sanctioned a loan of US$ 180 million for Rajasthan Power Sector Restructuring Project. The Project is effective from 2nd February, 2001 and scheduled to be closed on 30th June, 2005. By the end of January, 2003 the project has utilized US$ 17.686 million.

(c) Yes, Sir.

(d) The World Bank team has observed that the sector's financial situation continued to deteriorate due to inadequate financial support from the State Government and failure to file tariff petitions. The Bank team's principal area of concern is the financial health of the sector.

Power generation in Kerala

2267. SHRI A. VIJAYA RAGHAVAN: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is a chance of virtual breakdown in Kerala's power generation since the reservoirs of all the hydel projects in the State are drying up fast;

(b) whether Competent Authority of Kerala has represented for charging a composite price of Rs. 2.50 per unit of electricity supplied from the Eastern Grid and the Kayamkulam station of the National Thermal Power Corporation; and

(c) if so, the details including the decision taken on the representation?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF POWER (SHRIMATI JAYAWANTIMEHTA): (a) According to Kerala State Electricity Board (KSEB), there is no chance of a virtual breakdown in power generation in Kerala due to drying up of the reservoirs, if the average summer showers are received. The reservoir levels for the four major reservoir based hydel power stations in the State of Kerala are as under:—

Reservoir Hydro-Electric Stations	Installed Capacity (MW)	Reservoir Level recorded in feet	
		As on 5.3.2003	As on 5.3.2003
Idduki	780	2315.13	2327.48
Sabarigiri	300	3119.91	3158.20
Idamalyar	75	441.78	446.02
Madhupatty	130.5	4214.34	5241.9

(b) and (c) Kayamkulam Combined Cycle Gas Turbine (CCGT) of 360 MW capacity has been set up by National Thermal Power Corporation and is dedicated to supply power to Kerala. However, the State has not been utilizing full capacity of power plant due to commercial reasons. In Order to find a sustainable solution to capacity utilization of the Power Plants, a meeting of Power Ministers of Southern States was held on 17.5.2002. As decided in the meeting, the dedicated Kayamkulam CCGT has been converted into a regional station with Tamil Nadu and Kerala given a share of 90 MW each out of total capacity of 360 MW alongwith equivalent allocation from NTPC stations in Eastern Region for pooling so that the overall pooled power works out to around Rs. 2.50 per KWH. This would result in a reduction in liability of KSEB to 50% of the fixed charges of Kayamkulam CCGT.

Power crisis in Madhya Pradesh

†2268. SHRI P. K. MAHESHWARI: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to take Madhya Pradesh out of severe power crisis by granting a little additional assistance;

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.